



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2252, **Version:** 1

Department: Management and Budget

Department Head/Elected Official: Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Policy

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of the Harris County Investment Policy that has been prepared in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

Background and Discussion:

The following proposed changes have been updated on the Harris County Investment Policy to be effective April 1, 2024:

- Section 7.01 Socially Responsible Investing - Revised - "The County will seek to invest, to the extent that a reasonable spread can be earned over comparable maturity Treasuries, in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac debt obligations "providing a stable source of liquidity to support low- and moderate-income mortgage borrowers and renters by enabling greater access to affordable home and rental housing finance in all markets and at all times," as well as Federal Home Loan Bank obligations, which provide liquidity to member banks to finance housing and economic development activities. The County will also seek investment in debt obligations from the Federal Farm Credit Bank System which provides affordable credit to agricultural businesses in the U.S. In addition, the County shall consider investment in municipal bonds geared toward low-income or affordable housing, and/or serving a county listed on the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's (FFIEC) underserved or distressed areas, <https://www.ffiec.gov/cra/pdf/2021distressedorunderservedtracts.pdf>, or bonds of a school district issuer with 50% or more of students eligible for free or reduced lunch. It is understood that the County may not have continual or regular access to these municipal bonds, and at times such bonds may not meet credit ratings as outlined in state statutes."
- Exhibit "A" Authorized Designees of Harris County to Purchase Investments - Revised titles of designees.
- Exhibit "B" List of Approved Banks, Broker/Dealers - Added "JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A." as the county's depository bank approved by Commissioners Court on 3/26/24 and removed "UBS Financial

Services, Inc.”

Expected Impact:

N/A

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 4/23/24

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Investment Policy